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1. AS REQUESTED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM, I HAVE REVIEWED OUR DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN OUR LATEST NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PLAN (LIMA A-153), IN THE LIGHT OF THE WHITE PAPER ON DRUG ABUSE. I NOTE PARTICULARLY THE WHITE PAPER'S EMPHASIS ON DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TOWARD GREATER NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS BY NARCOTICS-PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

2. I UNDERSTAND CERTAIN WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND CANADA NOW PERCEIVE THAT THEY HAVE A NARCOTICS PROBLEM EMANATING FROM PERU, AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF COCA AND ULTIMATE SOURCE OF COCAINE. AMONG PERU'S NEIGHBORS, I BELIEVE COLOMBIA, IN PARTICULAR, AND ALSO ECUADOR PERCEIVE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THEIR ROLE AS TRANSIT OR PRODUCER COUNTRIES FOR COCAINE DESTINED FOR NORTH AMERICA OR WESTERN EUROPE.

3. THE TIME MAY HAVE COME FOR A USEFUL U.S. INITIATIVE TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF CANADA, THE MOST-AFFECTED WEST EUROPEAN
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COUNTRIES, COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR IN PRESSING PERU AND OTHER MAJOR COCA PRODUCER, BOLIVIA, TO TAKE FURTHER MEASURES TO CURB COCA PRODUCTION.

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4. I SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT APPROPRIATE U.S. EMBASSIES TO SEEK INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES TO PERU BY MOST-AFFECTED COUNTRIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO, THOSE LISTED ABOVE. THOSE COUNTRIES COULD POINT TO THEIR GROWING COCAINE PROBLEM TO REMIND PERU OF ITS OBLIGATION UNDER THE SINGLE CONVENTION TO REDUCE ITS COCA CROP ANNUALLY, AND TO URGE UPON PERU OTHER STEPS TO REDUCE THE WORLD SUPPLY OF ILLEGAL COCAINE. DEMARCHES BY COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR COULD BE CAST IN POSITIVE TERMS OF IMPROVING EXISTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.
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